

District IV Advisory Board Minutes
March 20, 2002
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The District IV Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Stanley Neighborhood City Hall, 1749 S. Martinson. In attendance were eight (6) District Advisory Board Members, six (6) City staff, and two (2) citizens.

Members Present

Council Member Bill Gale
Jerry McGinty
Wayne Wells
Bea Vickers
Jim Benton
Ed Koon
Iola Crandall

Members Absent

June Bailey
Paul Ward
Tom Kessler
Dorman Blake

Staff

Officer Anthony Bamberger, Patrol South
Officer Richard Mellard, Patrol West
Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Drew Seiler, Patrol West
Sgt. Bobby Wiley, Patrol West
Officer Pat Dixon, Patrol South

Guests

Phyllis McCabe, 410 S. Knight
Irene Armstrong, 1109 Greenfield

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m..

Approval of Minutes

Minutes will be available at the April 3 meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Wayne Wells inquired about updated neighborhood directories and a WIN meeting he attended. There was mention of the Community Corrections and the possibility of sex offenders being let into society May 1, 2002. **Council Member Bill Gale** explained the City Council voted 3-20-02 to put a moratorium on that item for up to 90 days to give people time to put things in place.

Action: The Board recommended approving the agenda 6:0 (McGinty:Koon).

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five (5) minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. **Irene Armstrong** asked if the Council has received a report from the Wichita Assembly yet? **Council Member Bill Gale** said he has not received anything yet.

Aaron Hamilton said DAB notebooks were discussed. They are currently being improved and updated.

Public Works Agenda

2. No items were submitted.

Planning Agenda

3. No items were submitted.

Board Agenda

4. **Neighborhood Matching Grants** – The Neighborhood Matching Grant program provides an incentive for neighborhoods to plan and carry out improvements project and to encourage citizen engagement for such projects and/or other events or programs.

January 2002, each of the six District Advisory Boards was given \$25,000 to put back into the community in whatever way they see fit. Neighborhoods can apply for the funds.

Aaron Hamilton explained applications will be available Friday. He will get the applications to Sunflower Neighborhood Association and Southwest Neighborhood Association. **Council Member Gale** wants to approve the applications at this meeting.

The following are questions and comments from the Board. Answers to questions are in italics.

ED Koon asked if it would be appropriate to have matching funds for Neighborhood Watch signs? How much are signs? *\$15.00 each.* **Council Member Gale** supported the idea and wanted to know if residents put the signs up? *Yes.* **Koon** pointed out it is imperative money be distributed district-wide.

Council Member Gale asked **Irene Armstrong**, President of Southwest Neighborhood Association to present their request. **Armstrong** explained Southwest Neighborhood Association will be holding their 5th annual parade April 20, 2002. Prior to the parade, a flag ceremony to honor veterans in the area will take place. Ace Hardware and Key

Management are paying part of the cost to install flag poles and lighting for the veterans. Part of the beautification of the site is being donated by Ace Hardware with the neighborhood maintaining it. They are requesting \$400.00 to pay their portion of the project which will include permanent lighting for the flag pole. The flag is in hand. The location is: Westway Shopping Center. Southwest Neighborhood Association is anticipating 400 people in the parade already from 40 entries currently, with more on the way. There is a poster contest for grade schoolers and Essay contest (350 entries each) judged by Wichita Eagle as part of the collaboration on this particular project. Prizes have been donated by several local businesses. Essay winners are going to the American Legion the following week.

Following are Board questions about the proposed project.

McGinty asked where is the flag located? *Just South of Emprise Bank.*

Benton asked if any kind of plaque would be located at the monument site? ***It is a possibility at a later date. Markers from all branches of the military have been donated***

Gale clarified the request is for \$400.00 total? ***Yes.***

Koon is the electricity donated by Key Management? ***Yes.***

Wayne Wells asked if SW Neighborhood Association has a treasury? ***Yes. If DAB approved \$300.00 would Neighborhood Association be able to make up the extra \$100.00? SW is working on a clean up with City and SRS.***

Koon thinks they have more than met the stated criteria.

Action: The Board received public comment and recommended approving the grant request 6:0 (Wells: McGinty).

5. Phyllis McCabe deferred to **Officer Mellard** to request the money for the Sunflower Neighborhood Association. **Officer Mellard** explained that the Rotary Club funds a field trip every year for fifth grader of Lawrence Elementary pending the fifth graders completion of a community project. The fifth graders are planning on expanding their usual neighborhood cleanup to include all of the right-of-way and easements from West street to Meridian along Douglas and Maple. They are tying this year's expanded program into the "Don't Trash Wichita" campaign. They are asking for \$340.00 for t-shirts for the participating fifth graders with the "Don't Trash Wichita" logo on them. The total request is for \$340.00. In addition to cleaning the sides of the streets, the students will spend the afternoon of April 5, 2002 cleaning individual's yards. **McCabe** has 15 individuals lined up to have their yards cleaned. Local businesses are also taking part in the campaign by donating food and other resources.

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Gale confirmed the amount requested was \$340.00? *Yes. How many shirts? 80 total – (70 kids and 10 teachers). Rotary Club giving \$1,200.00 to \$1,800.00 for the field trip and getting charter buses. Private, local businesses donated food to the project.*

Wells asked if **Officer Mellard** can get something written about what would be matching funds? *Yes.*

McGinty and **Koon** felt this more than met criteria.

Koon asked if the students are being paid to clean in any way other than the field trip? *No. Iola Crandall noted most of the people being helped can't do their own lawns because of age or illness.*

Wells sees two issues: one is the clean up and the other is the trip. *Iola Crandall said the students have helped paint park equipment before. They want to expand to clean up businesses, to reaching a broader base. The clean up and field trip are tied together*
Wells wanted to be careful of setting a dangerous precedent since this is the first time this program has been enacted. He wants to make sure the Board is meeting the guidelines.

Koon said four hours of community service x 80 people comes out to about \$.75 per hour.

Action: The Board took public comment and recommended approving the grant request 6:0 (McGinty: Wells).

Aaron Hamilton was asked to create a form that tracks the money spent, where geographically it was spent, and the rationale for each project for consistency. **McGinty** proposed DAB IV meet a second time the month before grant applications are due.

Wayne Wells asked **Hamilton** to compare to other districts for consistency and new ideas.

Announcements

6. This time is for members to make announcements of any projects their neighborhoods may be working on or has completed within the last month.

Bea Vickers – SWNA was on the front page of the Wichita Eagle cleaning up behind Godfathers Pizza. Also in the same article were the ups and downs of crime in Wichita. She said she was proud of **Irene Armstrong**, President of Southwest Neighborhood

Association, and her crew. There will be a Cruise Control meeting March 25th and a Neighborhood Association meeting March 26th.

Jim Benton – The SWVNA meeting last Tuesday had over 40 people discussing the zoning at Calvert and West street. The neighborhood is still petitioning. He brought up a point that Calvert is paved as a residential, two-lane road, so who pays for the upgrade? Pictures of the new South Regional Library were displayed at the meeting.

Officer Seiler – April 19th he's having a drag racing display at the Village Flea Market (Meridian & Pawnee). There will be a car show at the south YMCA Monday April 25th. He is preparing for the next DAB meeting and his followup work on the fence issue on south West Street. He is working closely with Randy Sparkman to address this.

ED Koon – Library Board meeting March 20, 2002 announced the new South Regional Library will be named after Lionel Alford and should be open next spring. He noted the Orchard Breeze mail person said people had to move their mail boxes to the street which turned out to be incorrect according to the persons supervisor. He submitted the Grants Review Committee information to the Board.

Iola Crandall - Passed out the Sunflower News. Sunflower Neighborhood Association will be holding a clean up April 6th on the north half of the neighborhood association with another clean up to follow August 8th on the south side of the neighborhood.

Wayne Wells – No report.

Officer Bamberger – EMCU Internet crime against children task force speaker will be at the SW Neighborhood Association meeting.

Phyllis McCabe – Asked about the Adopt A Park program. Can the neighborhood pick and choose what to do as a part of this program? **Gale** said yes. He referred to presentation at the March 6, 2002 DAB meeting. **McCabe** also noted the Parks Department is improving playground equipment at West Douglas Park.

Jerry M. – Clarified time line not necessarily mandated either.

Sgt. Wiley - Has been working out East with youth wrestling.

Wayne Wells asked when the next speed check would be on Kellogg? **Sgt. Wiley** said **Sgt. Quick** selects areas based on high-accident ratings. He hasn't heard when Kellogg was to be selected but are addressing high accident areas (Seneca & Kellogg).

Officer Bamberger – The City is getting five more radar trailers, so each bureau will have one. 55 Police cars will get mounted radars.

Officer Mellard – Thanked Phyllis McCabe, Bill Gale and Iola Crandall for helping out with a meeting with Sunflower Neighborhood Association.

Bill Gale – Asked when the directories will be updated? **Aaron Hamilton** will find out by the April DAB meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 8:24.

Respectfully Submitted

Aaron Hamilton
Neighborhood Assistant District IV